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House Committee Clerk, Mary Lou Terrien,

Please direct this email to the Redistricting and Elections Committee Members in regards to the November 1 hearing on the National Popular Vote Compact initiative:

Redistricting and Elections Committee Members,

I strongly oppose the National Popular Vote Compact initiative. I ask you to vote against this proposed legislation for several reasons: 1) it circumvents the Electoral College and the intent of those who wrote it without following constitutional procedures to amend the constitution according to the will of the nation as a whole. The amendment process of requiring a 2/3's vote of Congress and 38 states to pass, is purposefully deliberative to better ascertain the will of the nation as a whole. 2) The NPV Compact would throw the balance of power to the most populous states with the most electoral votes. This means presidential candidates would only campaign in the states with the most electoral votes. 3) presidential candidates would never have a reason to address the concerns of the least populous states leaving these people with little leverage or influence in the election process. 4) it would reduce or eliminate incentive for grassroots activism in the lesser populated states which the heart of the American self government form of government.

Michigan has gone from 18 to 14 Congressional Representatives losing electoral clout as well as representation in Congress. God forbid, if the trend should continue, why should presidential candidates campaign in Michigan or be concerned about our issues. They would focus all their attention on the most populous states.

The way the U.S. Constitution has and should continue to work is to balance the power of the most populous states against that of the least populous states. This is why the U.S. Senate has 2 senators from each state no matter the population to balance the power of the U.S. House that grants the number of representatives based on population. The same is true of the Electoral College.

Please vote against the NPV Compact proposed legislation.

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